

**LITURGIES FOR THE SECOND WEEK
IN ORDINARY TIME AND THE THIRD
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

January 19 - 25, 2026

Monday, 1/19 † Weekday

6pm: †† Jay Sullivan by Jack & Kay Reimbold

**Tuesday, 1/20 † Weekday, St. Fabian, Pope &
Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr**

8am: †† Sharon Pfof by Jack & Kay Reimbold

9am: A.S. The Donnelly Family by Mary Daly

Wednesday, 1/21 † St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

9am: A.S. †† The Daly Family by Mary Daly

6pm: †† Aaron Kaminski by Bernadette Shonka

**Thursday, 1/22 † Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children**

8am: Milo (Birthday)

9am: A.S. †† The Welsh Family by Mary Daly

**Friday, 1/23 † Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr;
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin**

8am: Grandpa Chet Potempa by Grandchildren

9am: A.S. †† The Brennan Family by Mary Daly

**Saturday, 1/24 † Saint Francis de Sales,
Bishop Doctor of the Church**

8:30am: †† Alice Condon by Legion of Mary

**Saturday, 1/24 † Vigil: The Third Sunday in
Ordinary time**

4:30pm: †† Sharon Pfof by Debbie & Duke

**Sunday, 1/25 † The Third Sunday in
Ordinary time**

7:30am: Parishioners

9am: A. S. Tim & Bonnie (Anniversary) by Mom

11am: †† Sharon Pfof by Marilyn Pacilio

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Thurs., Jan. 22 - 2:15pm - Legion of Mary

Thurs., Jan. 22 - 4pm - Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Sun., Jan 25 - 9:30am - Religious Education

The office will be closed on Monday, Jan 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Starke County Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter, pancake mix & syrup, canned fruit, laundry soap, dish soap, toilet tissue, salt, pepper, small packages sugar & flour, sanitary pads, fresh fruits & vegetables, canned meat, canned pasta with meat.

The Religious Education Program is in need of an instructor for the remaining of the Religious Education year. If you are willing to help the program, please call Sue Dolezal at 219-252-0947

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (officially **Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr.**,^[1] and often referred to shorthand as **MLK Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States observed on the third Monday of January each year. King was the chief spokesperson for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which protested racial discrimination in federal and state law and civil society. The movement led to several groundbreaking legislative reforms in the United States. Born in 1929, Martin Luther King Jr.'s actual birthday is January 15 (which in 1929 fell on a Tuesday). The earliest Monday for this holiday is January 15 and the latest is January 21. The Monday observance is similar for those federal holidays which fall under the Uniform Monday Holiday Act.

The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later on January 20, 1986. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. Official observance in each state's law as well as federal law occurred in 2000.

Today's responsorial Psalm is the theme song of the good steward: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will." May I, too, stand ready to offer myself and my gifts in the service of God.

Dear Padre

January 18, 2026

I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove...and remain upon him."

As you place your gift with the Society of St. Vincent e Paul, know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are suffering.

Good News!

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 / 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 / John 1:29-34

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Of the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20–28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●

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Indiana's faithful quarterback defies the image of money-driven college athletics

(LifeSiteNews) Jan 12, 2026 — After dominating the Oregon Ducks 56-22 in a College Football Playoffs semifinal last week, Heisman Award-winning quarterback Fernando Mendoza said something during the postgame press conference that shocked the sports world.

"Delayed gratification is a concept that was brought up by stoicism and by the stoics and I think it's one of the greatest attributes," he said. "If you are able to have delayed gratification, discipline in yourself, discipline in your process and preparation, you're able to execute every single week."

Mendoza, who is Catholic, continued, "A lot of players and a lot of coaches and just everybody in Bloomington has done a great job of upholding that concept of delayed gratification and discipline throughout all aspects of our lives."

Mendoza has taken not just the sports world but American pop culture by storm over the last several months. He has repeatedly given glory to God after every win his team has had this season. Next Monday, they will play in the national championship game against Miami. Mendoza's unique mix of on-the field success paired with his deep and abiding faith — and obvious maturity — stands in sharp contrast to what collegiate sports has become in recent years.

In 2012, I wrote an article for Renew America titled "Freedom and college athletics." In it, I complained that the starting five of the University of Kentucky men's basketball team declared for the NBA draft at the end of the season. My argument was not that they weren't qualified to play in "The League" but that college sports was becoming an industry that uses young men for profit while leaving them ill-preparing them for life after athletics.

Rich Lowry, then-editor of *National Review*, agreed with my outlook. In an article on the subject, Lowry complained that Kentucky coach John Calipari's "one-and-done" attitude neglects the importance of a formal education. Lowry also said there is an "appalling breach of the amateur spirit of the NCAA" taking place.

During a press conference after the title game that year, Calipari defended his approach. He said that if his players "go to the NBA and become millionaires and change the cycle of their family's lives, their cycle has now been broken. Can I really be looking back and say 'I had no success?' I won't do that because the success is how they're performing."

Today, college sports has shed its "amateur spirit" completely. Players can now get paid, sometimes millions of dollars, for what are called Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) deals. These "contracts" essentially allow student-athletes — at least that's what they used to be called — to make boatloads of cash before turning pro, if they choose to even do so.

Many observers maintain that this is a positive development given that college athletes for decades generated millions of dollars for the schools they attended. It's only fair that they receive some sort of compensation. While not taking a side on that, it's fair to say that the infusion of money and the adoption of the "transfer portal" has irrevocably changed the way college sports operates.

College athletics needs changing. NIL contracts and transfer portal rules need to be amended so the true well-being of the athletes is upheld. If Fernando Mendoza and the Indiana Hoosiers can beat Miami next week, you can be sure he will praise Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in his postgame interviews. If and when that happens, the money-obsessed marketplace that college sports has become will at least momentarily be reminded that Christ and his teachings is what truly matters and that going forward He needs to be put at the center of this un-Christ-like industry.

Bishop Barron slams Mamdani's praise of 'collectivism,' says it has killed millions

(LifeSiteNews) Jan 5, 2026— Bishop Robert Barron on Friday slammed the newly inaugurated New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani's praise of the "warmth of collectivism," stressing that the ideology killed at least a hundred million in the 20th century. Bishop Barron, an influential Catholic intellectual, shared on social media that the mayor's glowing esteem for collectivism "took my breath away." Mamdani, a self-described "democratic socialist," declared during his inaugural speech on January 1, "We will replace the frigidity of rugged individualism with the warmth of collectivism."

Collectivism, a governing philosophy about subordinating individual rights to a perceived "greater good," manifested in some of the most brutal and disastrous ideologies of the 20th century such as Communism. Bishop Barron highlighted this fact in his post, noting that "Collectivism in its various forms is responsible for the deaths of at least one hundred million people in the last century," and that its manifestations in socialist and Communist forms of government, such as in Cuba and North Korea, have proved "disastrous." "Catholic social teaching has consistently condemned socialism and has embraced the market economy, which people like Mayor Mamdani caricature as 'rugged individualism,'" Bishop Barron wrote. "In fact, it is the economic system that is based upon the rights, freedom, and dignity of the human person."

Bishop Barron here echoed the economic teaching of the Church expressed in documents such as *Rerum Novarum*, which condemns socialism and defends the right to private property, a right Mamdani has explicitly rejected. A resurfaced video shows Mamdani saying the "abolition of private property" to guarantee housing is "preferable" to the current state of affairs. "For God's sake, spare me the 'warmth of collectivism,'" Bishop Barron said. Mamdani's express support of collectivism has sparked backlash from other conservatives such as Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, who also highlighted the murderous track record of collectivism. "The 'warmth' of collectivism that always requires coercion and force," DeSantis remarked. "How many dead over the past 100 years due to collectivist ideologies?"

UK activist Tommy Robinson contrasted Mamdani's statement with other praises of collectivism by the biggest mass murderers of the 20th century. "The individual is nothing; the collective is everything," is a statement attributed to Joseph Stalin. Mao Zedong has also said, "The interests of the individual must be subordinated to the interests of the collective." "Don't be afraid to call out objective evil when you hear it," Robinson wrote. Since his election, Mamdani has shown no signs of moderating on any of his socialist ideas or far-left agenda. As previously covered by LifeSiteNews, he has threatened to put crisis pregnancy centers out of business, pledging on the campaign trail to "enforce Local Law 17, which protects New Yorkers from false information spread by Crisis Pregnancy Centers, including lies about abortion safety and medications" (which historically means true information the abortion lobby dislikes). He has also committed, according to Planned Parenthood's statement endorsing him, to "confronting private health care institutions that have refused to provide" so-called "gender transition" procedures. The mayor also favors effectively unlimited abortion-on-demand and, per Planned Parenthood, "doubling funding for both New York City's Abortion Access Hub and the New York Abortion Access Fund (NYAAF)," all but ensuring more mothers will ultimately have their babies killed rather than give them a chance through crisis pregnancy centers.